

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A recliner mechanism for use with a vehicle seat having bottom and a pivotally secured back. A release mechanism is operably engaged to the back and includes an actuating handle extending from the bottom. A plate is secured
5 to the back at a first location and pivotable along with the back about an axis defined at a second location, an arcuate exterior surface defined by the plate exhibiting a recessed detent. A floor release lever is secured to the bottom proximate the plate and is pivotally associated with the release mechanism by a cable extending to a floor latch mechanism associated with the vehicle. A male
10 detent is pivotally secured to the seat bottom in inter-disposed fashion between the floor release lever and the plate. Upon the release mechanism rotating the floor release lever, and the cable causing the seat bottom to disengage from the floor latch mechanism, the male detent is influenced by the release lever in a first direction to seat against the recessed detent location of the plate and to
15 prevent a forwardly pivoted seat back from being rotated in a reverse direction. Upon the seat bottom further being rotated back into engagement with the floor latch mechanism, the male detent is influenced by the release lever in a second direction to permit the seat back to be pivoted in the reverse direction.